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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/218,761
	Filing Date	December 22, 1998
	First Named Inventor	Dirk Neubauer
	Art Unit	3681
	Examiner Name	T. D. Lewis
	Attorney Docket No.	03193/000E966-US0

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 770.00 enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Name (Print/Type)	Edward J. Ellis	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	40,389
Signature			Date
			March 1, 2004

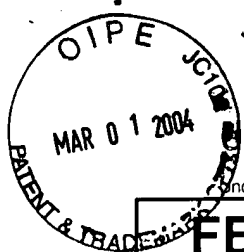
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<h1>FEE TRANSMITTAL</h1> <h2>for FY 2004</h2> <p><i>Effective 10/01/2003, Patent fees are subject to annual revision.</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27</p>		Complete if Known		
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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)		770.00	Attorney Docket No.	03193/000E966-US0

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FEE CALCULATION					
1. BASIC FILING FEE					
Large Entity		Small Entity			
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)				(\$)	0.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE							
Total Claims		==	Extra Claims	x	Fee from below	=	Fee Paid
Independent Claims		==		x		=	
Multiple Dependent						=	
Large Entity		Small Entity					
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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20			
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3			
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid			
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent			
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent			
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